



MALAWI ELECTORAL COMMISSION

CODE OF CONDUCT

FOR

CVE Service Providers

Road Show Promoters,
Mobile Cinema Promoters,
Comedians
Musicians, Poets
Video Animators,
Graphic Designers & Illustrators
Drama Groups & Dance Troupes

2025 GENERAL ELECTIONS

1. PREAMBLE

The successful delivery of free, fair and credible elections depends on efforts undertaken to adequately mobilize, motivate and inform the majority of the citizenry to enable them to make informed choices. The tasks cannot be effectively accomplished by the Malawi Electoral Commission (MEC) alone due to its limited capacity. Therefore, the involvement of other players is of uttermost importance.

(Section 8 (1) (j) of the Malawi Electoral Commission Act (MECA) gives powers to the MEC to provide CVE through the media and other appropriate and effective means. MEC developed this enforceable Code of Conduct to ensure non-partisanship, transparency and accountability to MEC in terms of programs among others.

2. GUIDELINES

a. Every accredited CVE Service Provider shall: -

- i. At all times adhere to the Constitution and all laws regulating the conduct of elections in Malawi.
- ii. Only use messages and materials approved or vetted by MEC.
- iii. Respect people's individual choices and ensure secrecy of the vote.
- iv. Always act in a non-partisan manner free from any direct or indirect influence or control of any political motivations, political party, candidate or organization.
- v. Exercise political neutrality when conducting CVE or discharging any other duties related to the electoral process.
- vi. Develop materials with MEC involvement at all stages.
- vii. Incorporate gender and special needs in their programming.
- viii. Always conduct themselves in unquestionable manner to preserve the credibility of MEC and the electoral process.
- ix. Avoid putting on, carry or display politically neutral regalia, clothes or symbols.

Note: *The Commission reserves the right to suspend or withdrawal accreditation as it deems appropriate.*

b. Financial Obligations: -

MEC shall only engage CVE Service Providers as and when their services are required. Accreditation is not a guarantee that they will be engaged by the Malawi Electoral Commission. Every service provider before engagement shall:

- i. Express commitment to abide by MEC's values, requirements, and conditions.
- ii. Use MEC's resources committed to them solely for the purpose of CVE activities.
- iii. Be prepared to make available records to MEC as required.
- iv. Submit activity reports at a completion of each assigned activity and periodical reports in the prescribed format by MEC.

3. ENFORCEMENT

If the MEC is of the opinion that an accredited Service Provider committed a violation of this code:

1. The MEC will seek clarification from the person responsible to act on behalf of the accredited Service Provider.
2. If not satisfied with the clarification provided, the MEC will do the following:
 - a. Within 5 days including Saturday and Sunday and Public holiday summon the organization to a hearing.
 - b. Within 7 days from the date of hearing deliver its ruling on the matter.

4. IMPLEMENTATION

The Malawi Electoral Commission shall ensure that this code is known and fully complied with by all concerned Other Service Providers.

5. DECLARATION OF COMMITMENT TO COMPLY WITH THIS CODE

We/I _____ of _____

after carefully reading the Code of Conduct as CVE Service Provider(s),
would like to show commitment by declaring that our organization will
fully comply with the Code of Conduct provided.

Signatures

1st Signature..... **2nd Signature:**.....

Position 1:.....**Position 2:**.....

Date:.....

Organisational Stamp



For official Use Only

Signed (MEC): _____ **Signature:** _____ **Date** _____

Chief Elections Officer